Docket No. 290237US0PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

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FOR: LOW CARBON COMPOSITE FREE-CUTTING STEEL

PRODUCT EXCELLENT IN ROUGHNESS OF FINISHED SURFACE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Claims (unamended) begin at page 2 of this paper.

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